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Comments: Eagle Pass, Texas roadways lack the amount of infrastructure needed to sustain safe and free flowing roadways. Faster crossing times at ports-of-entry have increased traffic flow pulling traffic from the Laredo area to Eagle Pass. With increased traffic have come more accidents and traffic congestion on major highways to and from San Antonio (Highway 57, and loop 480). I respectfully request the maintenance and construction projects for 2019-2022 take in to consideration the challenges the Eagle Pass, Texas area faces. It is crucial to the safety of travelers and for the profitability of state and local commerce that Texas Highway loop 480 and highway 57 issues be addressed.

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Comments:

The Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the 2019-2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Chamber certainly supports STIP 2019-2022 in its efforts to maintain and improve the safety of existing highways in Maverick County but was disappointed that there are no expansion projects included in the plan for the four-year period.

Expansion of U.S. Highway 57 to a 4-lane-divided highway and the completion of Loop 480 are at the top of the Chamber's transportation priorities. TxDOT statistics indicate that over 4,100 vehicles travel on Highway 57 every day. Commuter statistics also show that Highway 57 has some of the state's highest traffic accident rates in the highway system. Also high priorities for the Chamber are the expansion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, the development of a Regional Transportation Corridor Plan and increased transportation and infrastructure projects for Eagle Pass and the region to address traveler safety, traffic congestion, and support for economic development.

As TxDOT continues its planning processes in future years, the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce wishes to point out its ongoing support to complete the segments of the Ports-to-Plains corridor that have not yet been upgraded to four-lane profile and for the extension of Interstate 27 from Lubbock to Laredo, as recommended as a Strategic Projects in the Texas Freight Mobility Study. The Ports-to-Plains corridor links Laredo to Eagle Pass via I-35, US-83, and US-277, which connects Eagle Pass to Del Rio. The Ports-to-Plains corridor serves the Del Rio-Ciudad Acuna International Bridge, Eagle Pass' International Bridge #1 and Camino Real International Bridge, as well as Laredo's World Trade and Colombia Solidarity Bridges. The projected increase in trade with Mexico will require increased investments in Texas's border crossings and transportation corridors to ensure the efficient flow of U.S.-Mexico trade across the Texas-Mexico border.

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The Ports-to-Plains Alliance is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the 2019-2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Following a review of the maps and STIP documents for the Laredo District, the Alliance certainly supports the efforts to maintain and improve the safety of existing corridor highways along the Ports-to-Plains corridor including:

Val Verde County

- Profile Edgeline Markings, Profile Centerline Markings
 - U.S. 277 from Edwards County Line to U.S. 377 (\$556,225) (2019)
 - U.S. 277 from US 377 to 0.266 mi N of SL 79 (\$402,892) (2019)
- Bridge Maintenance
 - U.S. 277 from 5.00 mi N of US 90 to 5.37 mi N of U.S. 90 (\$343,846) (2019)
- Resurface of Existing Highway
 - U.S. 277 from Edwards County Line to 7.953 mi South of Edwards CL (\$1,953,425) (2022)
 - U.S. 277 from 2.66 mi S of RE 2 to U.S. 90 (\$490,955) (2022)

Maverick County

- Profile Edgeline Markings, Profile Centerline Markings
 - U.S. 277 from SL 480 to 11.752 mi W of Dimmit County Line (\$156,500) (2019)
 - U.S. 277 from 11.752 mi W of Dimmit County Line to Dimmit County Line (\$232,637) (2019)
- Rehabilitation of Existing Highway
 - U.S. 277 from 0.30 mi W of U.S. 57 to 0.30 mi E of U.S. 57 (\$2,868,020) (2020)
 - SL 480 from FM 1021 to U.S. 57 (\$1,982,464) (2022)
- Resurface of Existing Highway
 - SL 480 from Eagle Pass International Bridge II to FM 1021 (\$222,356) (2019)
 - U.S. 277 from Kinney County Line to 0.273 mi S of FM 1665 South (\$7,034,495) (2021)
- Drainage Improvements to Reduce Erosion at Structure
 - SL 480 from 550 Feet South of Industrial Blvd to 750 Feet South of Industrial Blvd (\$500,000) (2020)

Webb County

- **Widen of Mainlanes and RR Grade Separation**
 - Interstate 35 from Shiloh Drive to 0.25 Miles N of US 59/IH 69W (\$54,000,000) (2021)
- **Rehabilitation of Existing Highway**
 - U.S. 83 from Dimmit Co. Line to 3.422 Miles South of SH 44 (\$27,000,000) (2019)
 - U.S. 83 from 3.442 Miles South of SH 44 to IH35/US83 Intersection East Frtg Rd (\$29,000,000) (2019)
- **Resurface of Existing Highway**
 - Interstate 35 from Del Mar Blvd (EFR) to 0.222 Mile North of Shiloh Road (\$647,388) (2022)

The Alliance is disappointed that there are no expansion projects included in the plan for the four-year period.

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Comments: Please give strong consideration to beginning the final phase of LOOP 480 – from Highway 57 to Hwy 277 – known as the Del Rio Highway. Completion of this highway would expedite travel for many many people on a daily basis and relieve MUCH of the growing congestion of trucks and thru AUTO traffic on Veterans Memorial Loop and EAGLE PASS PROPER.

Eagle Pass and Maverick County have undergone steady growth these many years. It appears about to boom. It is extremely important to the safety and well being of the citizens of this area to keep up with the growth of the population and for economic development of the entire area. Eagle Pass has long been the hub of the area for Retail, Services, Medical Care and crossing into the sister city of Piedras Negras Mexico. A third bridge is needed, too.

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